Claims.

1-8. (canceled)

9.(currently amended) A fender support for a motor vehicle comprising a lower portion for fixing on at least one rigid part of the vehicle; an upper portion spaced apart from the lower portion and adapted to support a top edge of a fender having an outside face visible on an exterior of the vehicle and an inside face opposite the outside face; the support being adapted to hold the top edge of the fender at a distance from the rigid part of the vehicle that is closest to the top edge; the support including a support sheet comprising support areas spaced apart from each other and each of which substantially conforms to the inside face of the fender near the top edge, the support sheet supporting the top edge of the fender.

10.(currently amended) The support of claim 9, wherein at least two adjacent support areas are separated by no greater than ~~one-half a width of a human head~~ about 65 mm.

11.(canceled).

12.(previously presented) The support of claim 9, wherein the top edge of the fender has a length and the support sheet is adapted to extend over the entire length.

13.(previously presented) The support of claim 9, wherein a base supports the support areas and the base includes a deformable portion and a breakable portion.

14.(previously presented) The support of claim 13, wherein the deformable and breakable portions form a single part having a staircase shape including rupture starters formed therein.

15.(previously presented) The support of claim 9, wherein a groove extends the support

areas and the groove is adapted to receive an inwardly-directed rim of a fender.

16.(previously presented) The support of claim 15, wherein the groove includes fixing clips adapted to secure the rim in the groove.

17.(new) A fender support for a motor vehicle comprising a lower portion for fixing on at least one rigid part of the vehicle; an upper portion spaced apart from the lower portion and adapted to support a top edge of a fender having an outside face visible on an exterior of the vehicle and an inside face opposite the outside face; the support including a support sheet adapted to hold the top edge of the fender at a distance from the rigid part of the vehicle that is closest to the top edge; the support sheet comprising a base supporting a plurality of support areas; the base including a deformable portion and a breakable portion, and the deformable and breakable portions forming a single part having a staircase shape including rupture starters formed therein; the supporting areas spaced apart from each other and each of which substantially conforming to the inside face of the fender near the top edge.